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Applicant: Philippe Berna

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TO HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A DEVICE AND ITS USE.

Examiner/GAU: David Bryant/3726

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION TO THE DECISION OF JULY 19, 2007 ON
THE RESPONSE TO THE DECISION ON THE PETITION FILED ON JULY 11, 2003.

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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From records, it is also transpicuous that proceedings that led to instant patent could have been much shorter and ended to issuance of same patent by June 8, 1995, in which case patent term would not have been reduced and there would be no debate today about it, if a competent and conscientious Examiner like David Bryant would have been assigned from the beginning to this proceedings instead of Thomas Hughes. Examiners are clearly not equal regarding the capability to understand inventions and the liking to work. Applicants pay the same fees.

For the sake of equity (in the spirit of 1776 Virginia Declaration of Rights, and daughters of it) and of consistency, in view of the contents of petition filed on July 11, 2003 and in view of the contents of request for reconsideration filed on March 10, 2006, petitioner respectfully entreats the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to intervene so that his continuation applications filed under former rule 62 respectively on December 15, 1998, May 15, 2000 and August 16, 2001, would be turned retroactively (since retroactivity would be allowed for civil legal proceedings in the United States of America) into RCEs or submissions, as it suits the best. Refusing this respectful entreaty would amount to convey to paragraph MPEP 201:06 (b) the virtues of an article of the law or of a rule and therefore would encroach upon the powers of the law makers.

Very respectfully submitted,

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